

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An aqueous dispersion having a pH value of between ~~3 and 7~~ ~~4 and 5~~ comprising ~~4 to 35~~ ~~1 to 5~~ wt.% of a pyrogenically produced silicon-aluminium mixed oxide powder with a specific surface area of 5 to 400 m<sup>2</sup>/g, wherein

- the proportion of aluminium oxide in the powder is between 90 and 99.9 wt.% ~~or between 0.01 and 10 wt.%~~;
- the surface of the powder comprises zones of aluminium oxide and silicon dioxide; and
- the powder exhibits no signals for crystalline silicon dioxide in an X-ray diffractogram.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The aqueous dispersion according to claim 1, wherein the dispersion comprises 0.3-20 wt.% of an oxidizing agent.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The aqueous dispersion according to claim 1, wherein the dispersion comprises ~~additives~~ at least one additive.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The aqueous dispersion according to claim 1, wherein, in addition to the silicon-aluminium mixed oxide powder, the dispersion comprises at least a further metal oxide powder selected from the group consisting of silicon dioxide, aluminium oxide, cerium oxide, zirconium oxide and titanium dioxide.

Claim 5 (Withdrawn): A method of chemical-mechanical polishing of conductive, metallic films comprising polishing conductive, metallic films with the aqueous dispersion according to claim 1.

Claim 6 (Withdrawn): A method of chemical-mechanical polishing of conductive, metallic films comprising polishing conductive, metallic films with the aqueous dispersion according to claim 1, wherein the conductive, metallic films are applied on an insulating barrier layer.

Claim 7 (New): The aqueous dispersion according to claim 4, wherein the at least one further metal oxide powder is present in an amount of 20 wt.% or less, relative to the silicon-aluminium mixed oxide powder.

Claim 8 (New): The aqueous dispersion according to claim 1, wherein the silicon-aluminium mixed oxide powder is present in the dispersion in the form of aggregates having a size of less than 150 nm.

Claim 9 (New): The aqueous dispersion according to claim 1, wherein the silicon-aluminium mixed oxide powder is present in the dispersion in the form of aggregates having a size of less than 100 nm.

Claim 10 (New): The aqueous dispersion according to claim 3, wherein the at least one additive is selected from the group consisting of a pH-regulating substance, an oxidation activator, a corrosion inhibitor and a surface-active substance.